Average wage of agricultural workers

1698. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the average wage earnings of an agricultural worker in India and the developed countries, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): In India, as per Employment & Unemployment Survey, 1999-2000 conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation, average wage earning per day received by agricultural worker is Rs. 137.90 & Rs. 65.88 in urban and rural sectors respectively. As regards developed countries, a statement indicating average wage earning per agricultural worker in some developed countries based on ILO's publication "Year Book of Labour Statistics, 2001" is annexed.

Statement

Wage earnings per agricultural worker in some developed countries

Sl. No.	Country	Unit & Currency	Earning per worker (in 1998) Agriculture
1.	U.S.A	per week, in Dollars	340
2.	Germany	per hour, in Marks	14.21
3.	Hungary	per month, in Forint	47285
4.	Italy	per hour, in Lira	105.0
5.	Sweden	per hour, in Kroner	100.22
6.	U.K.	per hour, in Pounds	5.93

Source: ILO's Year Book on Labour Statistics, 2001.

Suggestion of study group for protection of work force

1699. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations made last year by the National Commission on Labour's study group on social security suggests a mechanism to bring the entire work force under protection;

(b) whether the above recommendation is accepted by the competent authority;

(c) if so, the action taken to implement the above in detail; and

(d) the total number of work force that are unprotected (outside the purview of any meaningful social security mechanism) and protected for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Second National Commission on Labour has submitted its report to the Government on 29.06.2002. The Commission had set up six Study Groups including one on Social Security. The reports of these Study Groups have been used as inputs by the Commission in framing its recommendations. The recommendations of the Commission are under process and require consultation with concerned organisations/agencies before these are accepted/implemented.

(d) The benefits of Social Security Schemes are mostly available to workers in the organised sector and the workers in the unorganised sector generally remain outside the purview of social security net. A Statement showing State-wise employment data in organised and unorganized sectors for the year 1994 and 2000, for which the information is available, is annexed.

Statement

Details of Employment in Organised and Unorganised Sectors for Major States and All India

Sl. No.	Major States	1994 (in thousand)			2000 (in thousnad)		
		Total Employ-ment	Organised Sector	Unorgani-sed Sector	Total Employ-ment	Organised Sector	Unorga-nised Sector
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	335899	1877.7	34021.3	36148	2071.6	34076.4
2.	Assam	8075	1069.3	7005.7	9357	1084.5	8772.5
3.	Bihar	31328	1701.3	29626.7	36437	1613.9	34823.1
4.	Gujarat	19233	1701.7	17531.3	22931	1690.3	21240.7
5.	Haryana	6528	631.9	5896.1	7159	651.6	6507.4
6.	Karnataka	22166	1530.4	20635.6	23599	1863.3	21735.7
7.	Kerala	11437	1198.1	10238.9	12444	1209.8	11234.2
8.	Madhya Pradesh	31634	1676.8	29957.2	34424	1593.7	32830.3
9.	Maharashtra	37933	3766.2	34166.8	41241	3759.8	37481.2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.	Orissa	14155	794.3	13360.7	14981	797.9	14183.1
11.	Punjab	8073	833.5	7239.5	9885	845.8	9039.2
12.	Rajasthan	21897	1223.7	20673.3	23212	1275.7	21936.3
13.	Tamil Nadu	28430	2381.5	26048.5	28895	2524.5	26370.5
14.	Uttar Pradesh	54238	2656.7	51581.3	58924	2552.7	56371.3
15.	West Bengal	26639	2332.1	24306.9	28237	2352.3	25884.7
	All Major States	357665	25375.2	332289.8	387950	25887.4	362062.6
	All India	374450	27374.8	347075.2	397000	27959.7	369140.3

Source: National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)

Scheme to Assist workers Abroad

1700. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to assist the Indians working in foreign countries once they are in troubles/difficulties while working in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scheme for helping settlement of the Indian labourers who are returning to India due to curtailment of job in foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Government on receipt of complaints with regard to problems of Indian workers in foreign countries, ask the Indian Missions and the local recruiting agent to intervene and settle the disputes. In most of the cases the disputes are settled. However, if the local recruiting agents fail to settle the complaints in a satisfactory manner, their registration certificates are cancelled/suspended and the bank guarantees are forfeited. The defaulting foreign employer is blacklisted and no further recruitment by the foreign employer is allowed without prior approval of the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.